

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • 1:00 p.m. • Rio Grande Building 300 S Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Edward H. Redd

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Unfinished Items from the Morning Agenda

No unfinished agenda items from the morning session were considered.

3. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Public input on today's agenda will be heard during testimony for the Special Session Legislation Regarding Operation Rio Grande Funding (Agenda Item 4.)

4. Special Session Legislation Regarding Operation Rio Grande Funding

11-HB1001S01 - Operation Rio Grande Funding Amendments

[11-HB1001S01 - Operation Rio Grande Funding Amendments](#)

Rep. Brad R. Wilson distributed the handout, "1st Sub. H.B. 1001," and discussed the bill.

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), and Rep. Wilson responded to questions from Rep. Chavez-Houck asking for clarification on HB 1001 and more information on the budget for Operation Rio Grande.

Ms. Noella Sudbury, Senior Policy Adviser to Salt Lake County Mayor, Ben McAdams, discussed Operation Rio Grande, along with responding to issues raised by Sen. Shiozawa and Sen. Weiler.

Mr. George Chapman, citizen, expressed concerns related to H.B.1001.

MOTION: Although it is not binding as an appropriations committee, Sen. Christensen moved to have the approval of this committee on behalf of HB 1001, with anticipated modifications coming when it is presented on the House Floor. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-6.

Yeas-10

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. B. Shiozawa
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell

5. DWS - Overview of Upcoming Changes to Homeless Services

10a-Rio Grande Safe Space Infographic
[10a-Rio Grande Safe Space Infographic](#)

10-Operation Rio Grande Infographic
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Mr. Jon Pierpont, Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), distributed the handout "Operation Rio Grande" and discussed the three phases of the operation.

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, DWS, spoke to the question raised by Sen. Shiozawa of how they arrive at the number of beds needed for treatment.

Mr. Pierpont addressed the issue of Medicaid expansion and the possibility of alternatives.

Mr. Nate Checketts, Director, Medicaid and Health Financing, Department of Health (DOH), spoke to a follow-up question on Medicaid and how it is determined if funding for treatment has been successful.

Mr. Pierpont continued his presentation.

Mr. Hardy responded to questions with regard to safe space, personal safety, and I.D. cards.

Mr. Pierpont and Mr. Hardy discussed services to those with drug abuse issues, coordination of continuum of care entities, and the process for absorbing the cost of the operation and preemptive services.

Mr. Hardy discussed Housing and Urban Development (HUD) involvement and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

6. What Percentage of the Medicaid Budget is Spent on Non-emergency Use of the Emergency Room?

This agenda item was not considered.

7. Budget Deep-Dive into Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Medical, Pharmacy, and Dental Providers and How Many Providers Accept Medicaid

5-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Medicaid Reimbursement Rates - September 2017

[5-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Medicaid Reimbursement Rates - September 2017](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, explained the issue brief and responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Checketts gave the response from the agency, in addition to answering questions from committee members.

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, DOH, and Ms. Janica Gines, Assistant Division Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, commented on budget issues.

8. Medicaid Coverage of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives

6-Medicaid Coverage of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives - 9/19/17

[6-Medicaid Coverage of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives - 9/19/17](#)

Mr. Frandsen discussed the report.

9. Options for Using Medicaid Funding for School Nurses

Mr. Frandsen commented on the options for using Medicaid funding.

10. Proposed Rules for the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee

Ms. Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, DOH, reported on the proposed rules developed for the program.

11. The INN Between

9a-Letter to Utah Legislature - August 2017 - The INN
[9a-Letter to Utah Legislature - August 2017 - The INN](#)

9b-Legislative FAQ 2 page - The INN
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9c-Department Plans and Pictures - The INN
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Sen. Escamilla spoke to the good work of The INN Between.

Ms. Kim Correa, Executive Director, The INN Between, provided an overview on services provided by the agency and answered questions from Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Redd

12. Report on State of TANF Funding for Specific Programs

12-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Status Report of Selected TANF Appropriations
[12-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Status Report of Selected TANF Appropriations](#)

Ms. Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, LFA, explained the issue brief.

Ms. Sisifo Taatiti, Program Manager, Workforce Development, DWS, discussed funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

13. Follow-Up Action on Budget Deep-Dives from June and July 2017 Meetings - Departments of Health and Workforce Services

This agenda item was not discussed.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen dismissed the meeting for a tour of The Road Home Shelter and dinner at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall. Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-6.

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